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Summary Information

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Carrie Durden Collection, Havana History and Heritage Society, Havana, FL.

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Biographical / Historical

Carrie Durden was born November 26, 1949, in Hollywood, Florida. Though her family is originally from Ohio, Durden was born and raised in South Florida. From a young age, she was interested in home skills due to her grandmother being a seamstress. In Durden's junior high home economics class, an intern from Florida State suggested she enter the field of home economics. Durden went on to study home economics education at Florida State and entered a career in home demonstration. Now retired, Durden worked for the Talquin Electric Board, Farm Bureau Insurance, the Florida Cooperative Extension, and more.

She taught in Jefferson County for 6 years after graduation until she was hired by the Home Economics Extension Service and moved to Wakulla County in 1972. Eventually, Durden moved to Gadsden County to continue her home economics career, where she met her now-husband Bobby Durden. They were married in 1981 and now have 4 children. Bobby Durden and his family were heavily involved in the intertwined community of Havana, Florida.

Though Carrie never got to know his mother well due to her illness, his aunt is the mother of Donna Warlick - another active member of the Havana community. Carrie Durden describes the community as a group of great people who care for one another.

While working in the Gadsden County home economics area, Durden observed the competition between Havana and the neighboring town of Quincy, as well as the effects of the changing world on the home. When integration became a requirement in the early 1970s, many homemaker clubs, such as 4H groups, started to dissolve in the South. When electricity was finally distributed out to the rural areas, home economics shifted focus to electric appliance use. Durden was heavily involved in local 4H clubs as well, which would enter into competition against neighboring clubs and submit different facets of home economics to be judged.

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Content Description

This collection relates to Carrie Durden, who was born in Hollywood, Florida, and moved to Gadsden County as an adult while working in home economics. This collection contains an interview registration form and a digital video disc interview of Durden.

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Administrative Information

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- Havana (Fla.)
- Home economics
- Home economics extension work
- Home economics extension workers -- United States
- Home economics teachers
- 4-H clubs